



# NOAA CORPS BULLETIN

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

The year 2005 promises to be a stellar period for NMAO. The FY 2005 budget was very favorable to our organization, and we continue to have strong support from the NOAA leadership.

On the ship side, in January we accepted delivery of the OSCAR DYSON, which will be commissioned on May 28, 2005. HENRY B. BIGELOW (FSV #2) is under construction and scheduled to be launched in July. We exercised a contract option to begin construction of a third fisheries survey vessel (FSV), and partial funding was received for FSV #4. The design of a new SWATH vessel will be completed in July and construction will get underway later this year. Design work on the conversion of USNS CAPABLE to an ocean exploration vessel will begin this year, and conversion work will start in the spring of 2006. On the aircraft side, we are acquiring a newly refurbished Jetprop Commander 1000 to replace an older Turbo Commander. Major instrument upgrades will be made on the G-IV and a P-3. Last—and very important—all active platforms are fully funded for operations in FY 2005. For upcoming years, our 10-year ship and aircraft fleet modernization plans are currently being updated, and more improvements to the fleet are in the works.

On the NOAA Corps side, Section 3005 of Title 33 of the United States Code authorizes 299 officers on the lineal list in the NOAA Corps through the end of FY 2005. Because authorization levels for NOAA Corps strength expire at the end of 2005, we will pursue a reauthorization that increases NOAA Corps strength to meet the needs of tomorrow. As our fleet grows, so do our needs for additional staff—both officers and civilians.

The tragic tsunami that caused such devastation to Indian Ocean countries has brought a new challenge to NOAA and NMAO. The Administration has stepped forward to address the problem of gaps in the global tsunami warning system, and it appears that NOAA will be deploying more than 30 new buoys in FY 2006. NMAO is currently assessing our resources to see how we can meet the ship, personnel, and contractor needs this major effort will require.

VADM Lautenbacher just attended the Earth Observations Summit III in Brussels, Belgium. He met with representatives of nearly 60 countries and the European Commission committed to significantly advance our collective ability to gather Earth observation data through creation of a comprehensive, coordinated, and sustained Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS). An agreement to a 10-year GEOSS implementation plan was reached. This plan will revolutionize

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the understanding of Earth and how it works. Also, a resolution on a tsunami warning system was approved at the summit. NOAA will be a major contributor to GEOSS, and as an operational arm of NOAA, NMAO--particularly NOAA Corps officers and civilians who operate our ships and aircraft--will be an integral part of this global effort. I will keep you updated as NOAA's part in the implementation plan unfolds.

At headquarters we are working on the one-year business plan that participants began developing at NMAO's January leadership conference. Actions that we can take this year were identified to help accomplish our strategic five-year goals. The goals are: create an organization culture that demonstrates safety first; a focus on results and pro-active behavior; optimize platform performance; optimize quality of life for our people; and strengthen the infrastructure to support the NMAO organization. Action items are currently being prioritized and assigned to team leaders for completion this year.

I appreciate your continued hard work, dedication to NOAA, and professionalism. These qualities have earned the respect of NOAA leadership and its strong support for our organization.

"Obstacles are those frightening things you see when you take your eyes off the goal." (Henry Ford)

## **UNUSUALLY ARDUOUS SEA DUTY**

The following NOAA vessels meet the criteria as stated in NOAA Corps Regulations Chapter 2, Section 02103 for being designated as "unusually arduous sea duty" for calendar year 2005.

JOHN N. COBB  
NANCY FOSTER  
KA'IMIMOANA

MCARTHUR II  
MILLER FREEMAN  
FAIRWEATHER

## **UNIFORM OF THE DAY**

All NOAA Corps officers shall wear the uniform properly and adhere to appearance standards in the NOAA Corps Uniform Regulations.

The summer uniform of the day for the Washington, D.C.; Seattle, WA; Norfolk, VA; Boulder, CO; and Tampa, FL areas is described below:

Washington, D.C.	May 2, 2005	Prescribed:	Summer White
		Alternate:	Service Khaki
Seattle, WA	May 2, 2005	Prescribed:	Service Khaki
		Alternate:	Summer White
Norfolk, VA	May 2, 2005	Prescribed:	Service Khaki
		Alternate:	Summer White
Boulder, CO	May 2, 2005	Prescribed:	Summer White
		Alternate:	Service Khaki
Tampa, FL	year around	Prescribed:	Flight Suits or Khaki
		Alternate:	Summer White

## **UNIFORM OF THE DAY** (continued)

The prescribed uniform is worn for special occasions and meetings when participants are wearing civilian business suits. Working Khaki is authorized only in the appropriate shipboard or field environment, and when traveling directly to and from work. Foul weather gear, coveralls, and command ball caps may be worn with the working khaki uniform as weather circumstances dictate.

## **NOAA CORPS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

May 22nd marks the 88th anniversary of the establishment of the NOAA Corps and its predecessors. The celebration is planned at the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Headquarters, Washington, D.C., on May 7, 2005. This is an outstanding facility offering a spectacular view of the Washington skyline. Electronic and formal written invitation will be sent early next week. Each of you are encouraged to join us on this special evening.

## **BILLET LIST**

Included in this Bulletin is a current NOAA Corps Billet List. The list has been updated from PCS orders received by CPC through April 1, 2005.

### **I. PROMOTIONS**

Kenneth W. Barton	CAPT	03/18/05
Donald W. Haines	CDR	03/18/05
Michele A. Finn	CDR	03/18/05
Cecile R. Daniels	LCDR	02/14/05
Lawrence T. Krepp	LCDR	03/18/05
James M. Crocker	LCDR	03/18/05
Carl E. Newman	LCDR	03/18/05
Shepard M. Smith	LCDR	03/18/05
Jason M. Seifert	LT	03/18/05
William W. Pierce, III	LT	03/18/05
Richard E. Hester, Jr.	LT	03/18/05
Jeffrey C. Taylor	LT	03/18/05
Noah Lawrence-Slavas	LT	03/18/05
Nicholas J. Chrobak	LT	03/18/05
Erik M. Eilers	LT	03/18/05
Patrick D. Didier	LTJG	03/18/05
Misty M. Watson	LTJG	03/18/05
Kelley E. Stroud	LTJG	03/18/05
Richard A. Edmundson	LTJG	03/18/05

### **II. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS**

Madeleine M. Adler	ENS	03/02/05	Bucknell University
Carol N. Arsenault	ENS	03/02/05	University of New Hampshire
James L. Brinkley	ENS	03/02/05	University of Oklahoma
John E. Christensen	ENS	03/02/05	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Sean M. Finney	ENS	03/02/05	California State, Monterey
Melissa M. Ford	ENS	03/02/05	U.S. Naval Academy

**II. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS** (continued)

Laurel K. Jennings	ENS	03/02/05	University of Texas, Austin
Guinevere R. Lewis	ENS	03/02/05	California State, Monterey
Allison R. Martin	ENS	03/02/05	University of Florida
Jason R. Saxe	ENS	03/02/05	George Washington University
Paul M. Smidansky	ENS	03/02/05	Pennsylvania State University
David A. Strausz	ENS	03/02/05	Washington State University
Rebecca J. Waddington	ENS	03/02/05	San Jose State University
Jamie S. Wasser	ENS	03/02/05	St. Mary's College

**III. PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**IV. RETIREMENTS**

None.

**V. RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS**

Jeffrey D. Kelley	LTJG	01/31/05
Daniel K. Karlson	LTJG	02/18/05

**VI. OTHER CHANGES TO THE LINEAL LIST**

None.

**VII. ON BOARD STRENGTH AS OF 1 APRIL 2005 - 280**